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THE Common-Prayer-Book THE BEST COMPANION In the HOUSE and CLOSET As well as in the TEMPLE: OR,

A COLLECTION of PRAYERS out of the Liturgy of the CHURCH of ENGLAND, most needful both for the whole Family together, and for every single person apart by himself.

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THE PREFACE.

THat there is a God, *and* that he ought to be worshipped, *are truths so generally discovered to the most brutish Heathens by the meer light of nature, that no Christian surely (who has this improved and advanced into a far greater light) can in the least doubt of yielding his assent thereunto. Being addressing my self therefore to the Christian only, I shall not pretend to offer at his conviction in these points, least I should seem to upbraid him with grosser ignorance and stupidity than has been usually found in the very worst amongst the rank of Rational Souls.*

However too many Christians there are, who (to the great shame of their most holy profession) do appear so wholly indifferent and unconcerned for the worship of that God whom they seem to own and believe, that they would almost incline a truly charitable man with great peremptoriness to pronounce, That that Heathen-generation shall rise up in judgment against them, *and find it* more tolerable in the day of

of wrath. *For as God has vouchsafed to give Christians better means to know, and greater helps and encouragements to perform their duty; so consequently the neglect of it must needs bring them into greater condemnation.*

Besides, their danger is increased too, because their sin is highly aggravated from those deep obligations which they laid upon themselves, when at first in their Baptism they were denominated such. For then they vowed *a most solemn* Vow, *that they would* worship God, and serve him truly all the daies of their life: *so that their neglect here can be interpreted for no less then the vilest perjury, and a breach of Covenant with God himself, and therefore will certainly not only deprive them of all the benefits of that covenant, but also render them obnoxious to* many more stripes. *Doubtless then no sincere Christian will truly consider this, without repenting heartily of all such sinful omissions, and resolving seriously for the future to be most constant and intent in the duty.*

Now the worship of God does chiefly consist in our offering up to him Prayers, Praises, and Thanksgivings: and this must be performed by us all both in publick *and* private. *So that neither can the doing of it in publick attone for the neglect of it in private, nor the private performance on the other hand any way excuse the contempt of the pub-*

publick. For as he who does his duty only in publick ſeems to aim at the praiſe of men *more than the* praiſe of God, *and ſhall receive no* other reward: *So he who forſakes the publick, and thinks to approve himſelf unto God by his meer private and ſolitary ſervices, ſhall find himſelf ſo far deceived, that in* not hearing the Church *which calls him ſo frequently and earneſtly to his duty, he will render himſelf in the ſight both of God and all good men as an* Heathen *and a Publican; and after all his devotions, evidence himſelf to be of the number of thoſe* ſinners whom God heareth not.

For where the Service of an eſtabliſhed Church is ſuch, that we may join in it without ſin, all ſeparation from that Church is accounted by God as a moſt heinous tranſgreſſion; and as many as ſhall wilfully and obſtinately perſiſt in it (howſoever elſe they pretend to worſhip him in private) can have no juſt grounds to hope that they ſhall be accepted of God, but may with more reaſon expect that he ſhould openly *puniſh their open diſobedience, rather than ſo* reward *that half-obedience, which he* ſeeth in ſecret. *We muſt therefore duly and faithfully ſerve God, both publickly in the Church; and privately, in the Houſe, that is, as well ſecretly by our ſelves, as alſo more openly in our families, (which though it be a kind of publick Service too, yet I call it private in oppoſition to that more publick one of the Church.*

Now no Church has ever yet made a better provision for the service of God, than our good Mother the Church of England. *For she has provided a most complete* form of sound and wholesom words, *whereby we may indeed* serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. *This she has gathered for us*, Not from the Popish Mass (*as some have basely and falsly insinuated to make her odious,*) *but* from the more early Liturgies of purer times. *And where she cannot boast of such Antiquity, there she recommends nothing to her Votaries, but what was either made or approved by those who were the greatest enemies to Popery, and the best friends to our most glorious Reformation. Nay, what she recommends* (*which is indeed her greatest honour*) *is the very* sum and substance of Gods most holy word. *She expresseth her self for the most part in* Scripture Language: *And if at any time she does not, even then she cannot be charged with the least contradiction against it; but may boldly challenge all her Enemies, and say in the words of her dear Lord,* Which of you convinceth me of sin?

That this our Church then has most profitably and plentifully administred to the private as well as publick devotions of her children, is my design to shew in these following Collections. For by these it will appear, that she has not only laboured to help our infirmities,

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and contributed to ſupply our private neceſſities in all common and ordinary caſes; but that in moſt particular occurrences likewiſe, which are unuſual and extraordinary, ſhe has abundantly aſſiſted us towards the due making of our humble ſupplications and thankſgivings unto God.

To make good the Title-page *then, and to prove the excellency of the* Companion *which it applauds, I have borrowed from it ſuch prayers as may be ſuitable to our ſeveral conditions, not only* common *but* ſpecial; *and to digeſt them into ſuch order and method, that they may be moſt eaſily ſubſervient, both to our daily offices, and to our extraordinary devotions.*

The following Collection therefore is contrived for our uſe two waies: Firſt, in the Houſe, when all the members of a Family are called together to offer up their joint-prayers, and to make known their common requeſts unto God; *and ſecondly in the Cloſet, when any ſingle perſon ſhall retire in ſecret to pour out his ſoul before him.*

That it is the indiſpenſable duty of every Maſter, or Head of a Family, to endeavour that every Soul within his houſe be filled with piety, and nouriſhed with all goodneſs, I need not uſe many arguments to evince. For if he be worſe

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than an Infidel (*as the Apoſtle has proclaimed him*, 1 *Ti.* 5. 8.) who provides not for his houſe *in temporal, then what is he who neglects to do it in theſe ſpiritual things? And how can any one hope to do this more effectually, than by obliging them all to be conſtant in ſuch heavenly devotions.*

And now to furniſh them accordingly with meet devotions, I have in the firſt place compoſed Three diſtinct Services moſt proper for thoſe Three ſeaſons, (viz. *Morning, Noon, and Night,*) *which Gods own word abundantly teſtifies, to have been obſerved by many of our Pious* fore-runners in the faith, *and in which we may believe they are followed by many devout perſons, even now in our own age, though it be an age indeed of ſuch general looſeneſs and irreligion.*

To theſe chiefly then (*and eſpecially to as many among theſe as are of the* Church of England, *and cannot but admire the goodneſs, and reverence the Authority of their Mother,*) *I do moſt heartily recommend the Collection that I have made, not only promiſing my ſelf that I ſhall find them very acceptable to theſe, but promiſing them moreover that they ſhall find them highly beneficial and moſt uſeful to the deſigned end; and that becauſe they are moſt agreeable to Gods word and will; moſt plain, familiar, and wiſely*

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adapted to the capacities of the meaneſt in each houſe; as alſo moſt comprehenſive of all their general wants.

If the Maſter of the Family cannot read, let him impoſe this task upon ſome other; And if there be none in his family that can, then may he do well either to learn himſelf, or to take care that ſome of them ſhall learn as many of theſe Prayers as they are able, eſpecially of thoſe for Morning and Night, which being above half the ſame, and ſuch as they have often heard before, and may again frequently hear in the Church, will be more eaſily compaſſed, and better fixed in their memories too. And ſo often at leaſt ſurely God ought to be openly worſhipped in every Chriſtian Houſe, it being very reaſonable that all the members thereof ſhould be called together to yield and pay to him both their firſt and laſt Service, who is indeed the First and the Last.

Nor can any Houſholder have cauſe to think that this will exhauſt too much of his time, ſince all the Three Services may be duly performed in leſs than the ſpace of one hour. And what manner of perſon is he, that will not allow ſo ſmall a parcel of time to the great Maſter both of Heaven and Earth, when he ſhall believe it juſt and reaſonable to demand ſo many hours ſervice in each day from thoſe that ſtand but in the ſame Relation to himſelf?

I have but one thing more to adviſe him now in this Relation, which is that he would enjoyn all thoſe of his family, with all ſubmiſſive reverence, to ſay Amen *to every one of theſe Prayers. For by this means he will not only prevent the ſleeping away their duty, and keep them attentive in it; but make them give ſome teſtimony alſo of that fervent deſire, of that full aſſurance, and of that ſweet harmony and conſent which ought to accompany their petitions to God.*

But theſe Prayers of which I have been ſpeaking, may eaſily become ſerviceable not only to the whole family ſo met together in the [illegible] *Houſe, but alſo to every one by himſelf in his Cloſet, or ſecret retirement. For though they run all in the plural number, yet with a very little change (as by ſaying* I *for* We, Me *for* Us, *and the like) they may be fitly applied to the uſe of every ſingle perſon. To give you an inſtance or two out of the Confeſſion at the beginning: Inſtead of,* We have erred, &c. *ſay* I have erred and ſtrayed from thy waies like a loſt Sheep; *Inſtead of,* There is no health in Us, *ſay,* in me; *and Inſtead of,* Spare thou them, &c. *ſay,* Spare thou me, O God, who confeſs my faults: Reſtore thou me that am penitent. *And after this manner may any one, with the greateſt facility, rightly uſe moſt of theſe Prayers in his ſecret Devotions.*

Now this ſecret Devotion alſo is moſt ſtrictly required

required by God himſelf: and therefore let not any one think that his moſt conſtant attendance at Family-prayers, ſhall in the leaſt excuſe his neglect of this. And though theſe very prayers ſhall be daily uſed in the Houſe, yet let not his affectation of variety ſhut them out of the Cloſet. For what though he prayed with them before; Did not our bleſſed Saviour himſelf, in a very ſhort time, pray again and again, ſaying the ſame words? *Matth.* 26. 44.

Beſides, though the words be the ſame, yet now he may uſe them after a much different manner as to the very things for which he either prays, or returns thanks to God. For now he may apply them to his own private condition, bring them cloſe home to the concerns of his own Soul; and enlarge himſelf into particulars, whereas before he was bound up to general expoeſſions. How this may be done, I ſhall not direct in this place, but refer him to the Notes upon the Prayers themſelves.

Beſides theſe Three Services, which are propoſed to the good Chriſtian for his conſtant daily Sacrifice, *I have likewiſe collected ſeveral other occaſional Devotions, which he may either joine to the former, or uſe apart as he pleaſes. And to what ſpecial purpoſes theſe will ſerve, the Contents ſhall ſhew.*

I have but one thing more to add concerning theſe

these Prayers, which is, that they are not only as full and clear, as significant and expressive of our general needs, as any Form whatsoever can be; but also that they are as valuable and considerable as any for their Authority, being the words of the most glorious and perfect amongst the Reformed Churches: *and that we have the greatest reason to believe, that God who has so often appeared in the defence of this Church, and shewn himself from time to time so eminently gracious in her wonderful preservation, is also well pleased with her pious Devotions, which shee offers up to Him only in the* Name *of his* beloved Son, *in whom he has declared himself to be* well pleased.

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LUKE 18. 1.

And he ſpake a Parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

Col. 4. 2. *Continue in prayer, and watch in the ſame with thanksgiving.*

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MORNING-PRAYER.

Pſal. 65. 2. 1 Kings. 8. 28.

O thou that hearest Prayer, unto whom all flesh ought to come: Have Thou respect unto the Prayers of thy Servants, and to our Supplications, O Lord our God; to hearken unto the cry and to the Prayers which thy Servants pray before thee this day.

ALmighty and moſt merciful Father; We have erred and ſtrayed from thy ways like loſt ſheep. We have followed too much the devices and deſires of our own hearts. We have offended againſt thy holy laws. [* We have left undone thoſe things which we ought to have done; And we have done thoſe things which we ought not to have done; And there

* *Though in the Family, or in Publick, it may be ſufficient for us with ſorrow to reflect upon ſome of our greateſt ſins, and to confeſs them all in general: yet when we are in the Cloſet, we muſt make a more narrow ſearch into our hearts, and deſcend not only to a particular review of our ſeveral paſt ſins, but alſo to a particular confeſſion of them. And that this may be done more fully, more eaſily, and more agreeably to the method of this good form preſcribed by our Church, I have in the end ſet down a large Table of ſins both of Omiſſion and Commiſſion againſt every Commandment; which if it be rightly uſed, we cannot well be ignorant wherein we have offended.*

is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miſerable Offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confeſs their faults; Reſtore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promiſes declared unto mankind in Chriſt Jeſu our Lord. And Grant, O moſt merciful Father for his ſake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and ſober life; to the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting God, who hateſt nothing that thou haſt made, and doſt forgive the ſins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our ſins, and acknowledging our wretchedneſs, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remiſſion and forgiveneſs, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

O Lord, we beſeech thee, abſolve us from our offences; that through thy bountiful Goodneſs we may all be delivered from the bands of all thoſe ſins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this O Heavenly Father, for Jeſus Chriſts ſake, our bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

GRant, we beſeech thee Almighty God, that we who for our evil deeds do worthily deſerve to be puniſhed, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved,

ed, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LOrd, we beseech thee, grant us grace to withstand the (* *temptations* of the world, the flesh and the devil,) and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(* *Here let the Petitioner consider what are his strongest temptations, and pray particularly against them.*)

O Almighty Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe we beseech thee to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PRevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our

works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord our Heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, who never faileſt to help and govern them, whom thou doſt bring up in thy ſtedfaſt fear and love; keep us we beſeech thee under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, whoſe never failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beſeech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us thoſe things which be profitable for us through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, we beſeech thee to keep thy houſhold the Church in continual godlineſs, that through thy protection it may be free from all adverſities, and devoutly given to ſerve

ſerve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting God, by whoſe Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and ſanctified; Receive our ſupplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all eſtates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the ſame in his vocation and miniſtry, may truly and godly ſerve thee through our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

ALmighty God whoſe kingdom is everlaſting, and power infinite; Have mercy upon the whole Church, and ſo rule the heart of thy choſen Servant *JAMES* our King and Governor, that he (knowing whoſe Miniſter he is) may above all things ſeek thy honour and glory; and that we and all his ſubjects (duly conſidering whoſe authority he hath) may faithfully ſerve, honour and hnmbly obey him, in thee, and for thee, according to thy bleſſed word and ordinance, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, who with thee, and the holy Ghoſt liveth and reigneth ever one God, World without end. *Amen.*

O Lord our God, who upholdeſt and governeſt all things in heaven and earth; Receive our humble Prayers for our Sovereign Lord *JAMES*, ſet over us by thy grace and providence to be our King: and

so, together with him, bless the whole Royal Family with the dew of thy heavenly Spirit, that they, ever trusting in thy goodness, protected by thy power, and crowned with thy gracious and endless favour, may continue before thee in health, peace, joy, and honour, a long and happy life upon earth, and after death obtain everlasting life and glory in the kingdom of heaven, by the merits and mediation of Christ Jesus our Saviour; who with the Father and the holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

MOst gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this kingdom in general, so especially for all those whom thou hast raised up to the government of the same; that thou wouldst be pleased to direct & prosper all their consultations and actions to the advancement of thy Glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Soveraign and his Kingdoms; that all things may be so ordered and setled by their endeavours upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and Justice, Religion and piety may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence haſt appointed divers orders in thy Church; give thy Grace, we humbly beſeech thee, to all thoſe who are called to any office and adminiſtration in the ſame, (*eſpecially to thoſe whom thou haſt ſet over us to be our ſpiritual Guides and inſtructors*;) and ſo repleniſh them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully ſerve before thee, to the glory of thy great name, and the benefit of thy holy Church, through Jeſus Chriſt of Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting God, who makeſt us both to will and to do thoſe things that be good and acceptable to thy Divine Majeſty; We make our humble ſupplications to thee (for * all our Benefactors, Friends, Relations, and alſo for our very Enemies.) Let thy Fatherly hand, we beſeech thee, ever be over them; let thy holy Spirit ever be with them; and ſo lead them in the knowledg and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may obtain everlaſting life, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who with thee and the holy Ghoſt liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

* *If you are in private, you may now be particular in the nomination of theſe.*

ALmighty God, who ſheweſt to them that be in error the light of thy truth,

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to the intent that they may return into the way of righteouſneſs; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowſhip of Chriſts Religion, that they may eſchew thoſe things that are contrary to their profeſſion, and follow all ſuch things as are agreeable to the ſame, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy ſervants do give thee moſt humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodneſs and loving kindneſs to us & to all men. We bleſs thee for our Creation, Preſervation [* and all the bleſſings of this life] but above all for thine inеſtimable love in the Redemption of the world by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And wee beſeech thee, give us that due ſenſe of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may ſhew forth thy praiſe, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our ſelves to thy ſervice, and by walking before thee in holineſs and righteouſneſs all our days through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; to whom with thee and the holy Ghoſt, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

* *In your Cloſet devotions let thoſe ſpecial bleſſings which you have received, both temporal and ſpiritual, be mentioned here.*

ALmighty and everlaſting God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks, that

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thou haſt vouchſafed to call us to the knowledg of thy grace and faith in thee. Increaſe this knowledg, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give us thy holy Spirit that we being born again, and made heirs of everlaſting Salvation through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, may continue thy ſervants, & attain thy promiſes, through the ſame our Lord Jeſus Chriſt thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, we give thee humble thanks for that thou haſt vouchſafed to deliver us *from all the perils and dangers of this night paſt*: And now we beſeech thee, moſt merciful Father, grant that we through thy help may both faithfully live, and walk according to thy will in this life preſent, and alſo may be partakers of everlaſting glory in the life to come, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Lmighty God, who haſt given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common ſupplications unto thee, and doſt promiſe, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requeſts; fulfil now O Lord the deſires and petitions of thy ſervans as may be moſt expedient for us; granting us in this world knowledg of thy truth, and in the world

When you pray alone, inſtead hereof ſay that immediatly preceding the Lords Praier in the next Service for Noon.

world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

OUr Father, which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the holy Ghost be with us all this day and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER at *NOON*,

Psal. 55. 18.

In the Evening, and the Morning, and at Noonday, will we pray, and that instantly: O Lord, hear our voice.

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot alwaies stand upright; Grant to us such strength and Protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God,

O God, the ſtrength of all them that put their truſt in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and becauſe through the weakneſs of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy Commandments we may pleaſe thee both in will and deed, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who haſt prepared for them that love thee ſuch good things as paſs mans underſtanding; Pour into our hearts ſuch love towards thee, that we loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promiſes, which exceed all that we can deſire, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

LOrd of all power and might, who art the Author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increaſe in us true Religion, nouriſh us with all goodneſs, and of thy great mercy keep us in the ſame, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting God, give unto us the increaſe of Faith, Hope, and Charity; and that we may obtain that which thou doſt promiſe, make us to love that which thou doſt command, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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KEep, we beſeech thee, O Lord thy Church, with thy perpetual mercy. And becauſe the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our Salvation, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beſeech thee to keep thy Church and houſhold continually in thy true Religion, that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace, may evermore be defended by thy mighty power, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

WE yield thee hearty thanks, moſt Merciful Father, that it hath pleaſed thee to regenerate us with thy holy Spirit, to receive us for thine own Children by adoption, and to incorporate us into thy holy Church, and humbly we beſeech thee to Grant, that we being dead unto ſin, and living unto righteouſneſs, and being buried with Chriſt in his death, may crucifie the old man, and utterly aboliſh the whole body of ſin; and that as we are made partakers of the death of thy Son, we may alſo be partakers of his reſurrection, ſo that finally with the reſidue of thy holy Church we may be inheritors of thine everlaſting Kingdom, through Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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ALmighty and everlasting God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers which we offer to thy Divine Majesty beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name, may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and especially thy Servant JAMES our King, that under him we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto his whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice to the punishment of wickedness and vice, & to the maintenance of thy true religion and vertue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates (*more particularly to those under whose care thou hast placed us,*) that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, & rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and especially to us here present that with meek heart and due reverence we may ever hear and receive thy holy word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. And

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we moſt humbly beſeech thee of thy good-
* *Here the petitioner in his Cloſet may be particular in naming his afflicted friends.*
neſs, O Lord, to comfort and ſuccour [*all them, who in this tranſitory life are in trouble, ſorrow, need, ſickneſs or any other adverſity.] And we alſo bleſs thy holy Name for all thy ſervants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beſeeching thee to give us Grace ſo to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly Kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jeſus Chriſts ſake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

O Merciful God, who haſt made all men and hateſt nothing that thou haſt made, nor wouldeſt the death of a ſinner but rather that he ſhould be converted and live: Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Hereticks, and take from them all ignorance, hardneſs of heart, and contempt of thy word; and ſo fetch them home, bleſſed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be ſaved among the remnant of the true Iſraelites, and be made one fold under one ſhepherd, Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A Lmighty God, who ſheweſt to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteouſneſs; grant unto all them that are ad-

admitted into the fellowſhip of Chriſts Religion, that they may eſchew thoſe things that are contrary to their profeſſion, and follow all ſuch things as are agreeable to the ſame, through our our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

O God, foraſmuch as without thee we are not able to pleaſe thee; Mercifully grant that thy holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, who haſt promiſed to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Sons Name; We beſeech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and ſupplications unto thee; and grant that thoſe things that we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our neceſſity, and to the ſetting forth of thy glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

OUr Father which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into temptations; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us, alwaies. *Amen.*

PRAYER at NIGHT,

Psal. 141. 1, 2.

Lord we call upon thee, haste thee unto us, and consider our voice when we cry unto thee, Let our Prayers be set forth in thy sight as the incense; and let the lifting up of our hands be an Evening-Sacrifice.

ALmighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. * [We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;] And there is no health

* *Being alone, you may here confess in particular all your sins both of omission and commission, in the calling of which to remembrance you may be assisted by the Table at the end.*

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in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miſerable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confeſs their faults. Reſtore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promiſes declared unto mankind in Chriſt Jeſu our Lord. And grant O moſt mercifull Father for his ſake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and ſober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting God who hateſt nothing that thou haſt made, and doſt forgive the ſins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our ſins, and acknowledging our wretchedneſs, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remiſſion and forgiveneſs, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beſeech thee, abſolve us from our offences; that through thy bountiful goodneſs we may all be delivered from the bonds of thoſe ſins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jeſus Chriſts ſake, our bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

GRant we beſeech thee, Almighty God, that we who for our evil deeds do worthily deſerve to be puniſhed, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

GRant unto us, we beseech thee Merciful Lord, (and to all thy faithful people) pardon & peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto us thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

LIghten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, who seest that we have no power of our selves to help our selves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our Souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the Soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the protector of all that truſt in thee, without whom nothing is ſtrong, nothing is holy; increaſe and multiply upon us thy mercy, that thou being our ruler and guide, we may ſo paſs through things temporal, that we finally looſe not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jeſus Chriſts ſake our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, whoſe never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beſeech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us thoſe things, which be profitable for us, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty and moſt merciful God, of thy bountiful goodneſs ſo keep us, we beſeech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we being ready both in body and ſoul, may chearfully accompliſh thoſe things that thou wouldſt have done, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

GRant, O Lord, we beſeech thee, that the courſe of this world may be ſo peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully ſerve thee in all godly quietneſs, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting God, by whoſe Spirit the whole body of the Church is

governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry, may truly and Godly serve thee, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, we are taught by thy holy Word, that the hearts of Kings are in thy rule and governance, and that thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom; We humbly beseech thee so to dispose & govern the heart of JAMES thy servant, our King and Governour, that in all his thoughts, words, and works, he may ever seek thy honour and glory, and study to preserve thy people committed to his charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness. Grant this O merciful Father, for thy dear Sons sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord our God, who upholdest and governest all things in heaven and earth: Receive our humble prayers for our Soveraign Lord JAMES, set over us by thy grace and providence to be our King: And so together with him bless the whole Royal Family with the dew of thy heavenly Spirit, that they ever trusting in thy goodness, protected by thy power, and crowned with thy gracious and endless favour, may continue before

fore thee in health, peace, joy, and honour, a long and happy life upon earth, and after death obtain everlasting life and glory in the kingdom of heaven, by the merits & mediation of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

MOst gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this kingdom in general, so especially for all those whom thou hast raised up to the government of the same; that thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations and actions to the advancement of thy Glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Soveraign and his Kingdoms; that all things may be so ordered and setled by their endeavours upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and Justice, Religion and piety may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers orders in the Church; Give thy Grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are called to any office and administration

niſtration in the ſame, (*eſpecially to thoſe whom thou haſt ſet over us to be our Spiritual Guides and inſtructors*,) and ſo repleniſh them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully ſerve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting God, who makeſt us both to will and to do thoſe things that be good and acceptable to thy Divine Majeſty; We make our humble ſupplications to thee (for *all our Benefactors, Friends, Relations, and alſo for our very Enemies,) Let thy fatherly hand, we beſeech thee, ever be over them; let thy holy Spirit ever be with them; and ſo lead them in the knowledg and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may obtain everlaſting life, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who with thee and the holy Ghoſt liveth and reigneth, ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

* *If you are in private, you may name particular in the nomination of theſe.*

ALmighty God, who ſheweſt to them that be in errour the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteouſneſs; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowſhip of Chriſts Religion, that they may eſchew thoſe things that

that are contrary to their profeſſion, and follow all ſuch things as are agreeable to the ſame, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy ſervants do give thee moſt humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodneſs and loving kindneſs to us and to all men. We bleſs thee for our Creation, Preſervation, *That of this day in particular,* [* and all the bleſſings of this life] but above all for thine ineſtimable love in the Redemption of the world by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beſeech thee give us that due ſenſe of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may ſhew forth thy praiſe, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our ſelves to thy ſervice, and by walking before thee in holineſs and righteouſnes all our days through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; to whom, with thee and the holy Ghoſt, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

* *In your Cloſet devotions let thoſe ſpecial bleſſings which you have received both temporal and ſpiritual, be mentioned here.*

ALmighty and everlaſting God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks, that thou haſt vouchſafed to call us to the knowledg of thy grace and faith in thee. Increaſe this knowledg, and confirm this faith in us evermore

evermore. Give us thy holy Spirit that we being born again, and made heirs of everlasting Salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, may continue thy servants, and attain thy promises, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of thy servants, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUr Father which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

UNto thy mercy and protection, O God, we commit our selves this night and evermore. O Lord, bless and keep us. Lord, make thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. Lord, lift up thy countenance upon us, and give us peace both now and evermore. *Amen.*

PRAYERS

PRAYERS *to be ſaid by thoſe that are Married.*

O God, who by thy mighty power haſt made all things of nothing, who alſo (after other things ſet in order) didſt appoint, that out of Man (created after thine own image and ſimilitude) Woman ſhould take her beginning; and knitting them together, didſt teach, that it ſhould never be lawful to put aſunder thoſe whom thou by Matrimony haſt made One: O God, who haſt conſecrated the ſtate of Matrimony to ſuch an excellent Myſtery, that in it is ſignified & repreſented the ſpiritual Marriage and Unity between Chriſt and his Church, look mercifully upon us thy ſervants [* Me and my Wife; and grant, that I may love her according to thy Word, (as Chriſt did love his Spouſe the Church, who gave himſelf for it, loving and cheriſhing it even as his own fleſh;) and alſo, that ſhe may be loving and amiable, faithful and obedient to me, and in all quietneſs, ſobriety.

* *Here the Woman may alter it thus,* * Me and my husband; and grant, that he may love me according to thy word (as Chriſt did love his ſpouſe the Church, who gave himſelf for it, loving and cheriſhing it even as his own fleſh;) and alſo that I may be loving and amiable, faithful and obedient to him; and in all quietneſs. &c.

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and peace, be a follower of holy and godly Matrons.] O Lord, bleſs us both; and grant us to inherit thy everlaſting Kingdom, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Grant O Lord, that as *Iſaac* and *Rebecca* lived faithfully together, ſo we may ſurely perform and keep the Vow and Covenant betwixt us made, and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws through the ſame Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Look, O Lord, mercifully upon us from Heaven, and bleſs us: And as thou didſt ſend thy bleſſing upon *Abraham* and *Sarah*, to their great comfort; ſo vouchſafe to ſend thy bleſſing upon us, that we obeying thy will, and always being in ſafety under thy protection, may abide in thy love unto our lives end. O God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghoſt, bleſs, preſerve, & keep us: O Lord, mercifully with thy favour look upon us; and ſo fill us with all ſpiritual benediction and grace, that we may ſo live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlaſting. *Amen.*

If they want and deſire Children, (being conſcious of no reaſonable cauſe why they may not ask any,) they may add as follows,

Furthermore I moſt humbly beſeech thee, O merciful Lord and heavenly Father, by whoſe gracious gift Mankind is increaſed, that thou wouldſt be pleaſed (if thou ſhalt think

think fit) to assist us with thy blessing, that we may both be fruitful in procreation of Children, and also live together so long in godly love and honesty, that we may see our Children Christianly and vertuously brought up, to thy praise and honour through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS *to be said by those that have Children.*

O Merciful Lord, and heavenly Father, by whose gracious gift Mankind is increased; I give thee humble thanks, that thou hast been pleased to assist me with thy blessing and to make me the Father [or Mother] of a Child [or Children.] And I beseech thee, give me thy grace, that I may truly endeavour to see *him* [or them] Christianly and vertuously brought up, to thy praise and honour, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And because none can do any thing that is good without thee; grant unto *him* [or them] thy spirit, O Lord, to think and do always such things as be rightful, that *he* [or they] may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Let thy Fatherly hand, I beseech thee, ever be over *him* [or them:] Let thy

thy holy Spirit ever be with *him* [or them,) and ſo lead *him* [or them] in the knowledg and obedience of thy word, that in the end *he* [or they] may obtain everlaſting life. Strengthen *him* [or them] I pray thee, with the holy Ghoſt the Comforter, and daily increaſe in *him* [or them] thy manifold gifts of grace, the ſpirit of wiſdom and underſtanding; the ſpirit of Council and Ghoſtly ſtrength; the ſpirit of Knowledg and true Godlineſs; and fill *him* [or them,] O Lord, with the ſpirit of thy holy Fear, now and for ever. O defend *him* [or them,] with thy heavenly grace, that *he* [or they] may continue thine for ever: And grant, that being ſtedfaſt in Faith, joyful through Hope, and rooted in Charity, *he* [or they] may ſo paſs the waves of this troubleſom world, that finally *he* [or they] may come to the land of everlaſting life, there to reign with thee world without end, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

PRAYERS *to be ſaid upon days of Faſting and Humiliation for our Sins.*

Pſal. 51. 1. *Have mercy upon us, O God, after thy great goodneſs; according to the multitude*

titude of thy mercies, do away our offences.

2. *Waſh us throughly from our wickedneſs; and cleanſe us from our ſins.*

3. *For we acknowledg our faults; and our ſins are ever before us.*

9, *Turn thy face from our ſins; and put out all our miſdeeds.*

10, *Make us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right ſpirit within us.*

11, *Caſt us not away from thy preſence; and take not thy holy ſpirit from us.*

12, *O give us the comfort of thy help again; and ſtabliſh us with thy free ſpirit.*

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Maker of all things, Judg of all men; [* We acknowledg and bewail our manifold ſins and wickedneſs, which we from time to time moſt grievouſly have committed by thought, word, and deed, againſt thy Divine Majeſty, provoking moſt juſtly thy wrath and indignation againſt us.] We do earneſtly repent, and are heartily ſorry for theſe our miſdoings: The remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burthen of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, Moſt Merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jeſus Chriſts ſake, forgive us all that is paſt. And grant

* *Before you make this Confeſſion in the Cloſet, carefully read over the table of Sins; and as many as you find your ſelf guilty of mention and bewail them here.*

grant that we may ever hereafter ſerve and pleaſe thee in newneſs of life, to the honour and glory of thy name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Moſt mighty God, and merciful Father, who haſt compaſſion upon all men, and hateſt nothing that thou haſt made, who wouldeſt not the death of a ſinner, but that he ſhould rather return from his ſin, and be ſaved; Mercifully forgive us our treſpaſſes; Receive and comfort us, who are grieved & wearied with the burthen of our ſins. Thy property is alwaies to have Mercy; to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive ſins. Spare us therefore, Good Lord, Spare us whom thou haſt redeemed. Enter not into judgment with thy ſervants who are vile earth, and miſerable ſinners: But ſo turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledg our vileneſs, and truly repent us of our faults; and ſo make haſt to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

TUrn thou us, O Good Lord, and ſo ſhall we be turned. Be favourable O Lord, be favourable unto us, who turn to thee in weeping, faſting and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compaſſion, long-ſuffering, and of great pity. Thou ſpareſt when we deſerve puniſhment, and in thy wrath thinkeſt

thinkest upon mercy. Spare us, good Lord, Spare us; and let us not be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great; and after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us, through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRant, we beseech thee, Almighty God that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, who art alwaies more ready to hear then we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the Devil, and make us the Sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; Grant, we beseech thee, that having this hope, we may purify our selves, even as he is pure; that when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal

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and glorious Kingdom, where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghoſt, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(* *Here let the Petitioner conſider what are his ſtrongeſt temptations, and pray particularly againſt them*) LOrd, we beſeech thee, grant us grace to withſtand the *temptations of the world, the fleſh, and the Devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, raiſe up (we pray thee) thy power, and come among us, and with great might ſuccour us; that whereas through our ſins and wickedneſs we are ſore let and hindred in running the race that is ſet before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may ſpeedily help and deliver us, through the ſatisfaction of thy Son our Lord; to whom, with thee and the holy Ghoſt be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, the ſtrength of all them that put their truſt in thee, Mercifully accept our Prayers: And becauſe through the weakneſs of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, Grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy Commandments we may pleaſe thee both in will and deed, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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LOrd of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true Religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do alwaies such things as be rightful; that we who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy waies known unto them, thy saving health unto all Nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church, that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit,

in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy Fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate, (e- * *Here the Petitioner specially* *) that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

in his Closet may be particular in naming his afflicted friends.

O God whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; Receive our humble petitions: and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us, for the honour of Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

ALmighty God the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities: and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUr Father, which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come.

come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYERS to be ſaid in any time of trouble or Affliction.

TUrn thou us, O God our Saviour, and let thine anger ceaſe from us, *Pſal.* 85. 4.

Turn thee again, O Lord, at the laſt, and be gracious unto thy ſervants, *Pſal.* 90. 13.

O ſatisfy us with thy mercy, and that ſoon; ſo ſhall we rejoice, and be glad all the days of our life, *Pſal.* 90. 14.

Comfort us again, now and after the time that thou haſt plagued us, and for the daies wherein we have ſuffered adverſity, *Pſal.* 90. 15.

[*Becauſe we are to look upon all troubles and afflictions, not only as trials of our faith and patience, but alſo as puniſhments for our ſins; therefore it may not be unſeaſonable at this time to humble our ſelves for them before God in faſting and prayer. To this end, before theſe following Prayers, you may premiſe as many as you*

shall think fit out of the foregoing Service for Humiliation, However omit not the three first, viz. the Confession, and those two in the Commination.]

ALmighty and everlasting God, who art alwaies more ready to hear, than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LOrd, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church, in continual godliness, that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works to the glory of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; Mercifully assist our Prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtility of the Devil or Man worketh against us be brought to nought, and by the providence of thy

thy goodneſs they may be diſperſed, that we thy ſervants being hurt by no *manner of ſuffe-rings*, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

WE humbly beſeech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy name turn from us all thoſe evils that we moſt righteouſly have deſerved: and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole truſt and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore ſerve thee in holineſs and pureneſs of living to thy honour and glory, through our only Mediator and advocate, Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beſeech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy ſervants, that we who are juſtly puniſhed for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodneſs, for the glory of thy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghoſt, ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting, God, who of thy tender love towards mankind haſt ſent thy Son, our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, to take upon him our fleſh, and to ſuffer death upon the Croſs, that all mankind ſhould follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the

example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto us thy servants, that we may love the things which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joyes are to be found, rhrough Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph into thy Kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send us thine holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our SaviourChrist is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers add adversities, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment

ment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen,*

OUr Father which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYERS for the Sick.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our fore-fathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sins: Spare us good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

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ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all

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men; We acknowledg and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings: The remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burthen of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, Most Merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; And grant, that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in Newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, who wouldest not the death of sinner, but that he should rather return from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses: Receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burthen of our sins. Thy property is always to have Mercy; to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, Good Lord, Spare us, whom thou hast redeemed. Enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners: But so turne

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thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledg our vileneſs, and truly repent us of our faults; and ſo make haſt to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

GRant, we beſeech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deſerve to be puniſhed, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved, through our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

GRant unto us, we beſeech thee Merciful Lord, (and to all thy faithful people) pardon and peace, that we may be cleanſed from all our ſins, and ſerve Thee with a quiet mind, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

If the Sick perſon ſhews any great remorſe and ſorrow for his former ſins (which every friendly Viſitor ſhould endeavour to excite in him,) then uſe the prayer following.

OMoſt merciful God, who according to the multitude of thy mercies, doſt ſo put away the ſins of thoſe who truly repent, that thou remembreſt them no more: Open thine eye of mercy upon this thy ſervant, who moſt earneſtly deſireth pardon and forgiveneſs. Renew in *him* (moſt loving Father) what-

whatſoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the Devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailneſs. Preſerve and continue this ſick member in the unity of the Church: Conſider *his* contrition, accept *his* tears, aſſwage *his* pain, as ſhall ſeem to thee moſt expedient for *him*. And foraſmuch as *he* putteth *his* full truſt only in thy mercy, impute not unto *him his* former ſins, but ſtrengthen *him* with thy bleſſed Spirit: And when thou art pleaſed to take *him* hence, take *him* into thy favour, through the merits of thy moſt dearly beloved Son, Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, look down from heaven; behold, viſit, and relieve *this* thy ſervant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; give *him* comfort and ſure confidence in thee; defend *him* from the danger of the enemy, and keep *him* in perpetual peace and ſafety, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

HEar us, Almighty and moſt merciful God and Saviour; extend thy accuſtomed goodneſs to this thy ſervant, who is grieved with ſickneſs. Sanctifie, we beſeech thee, this thy Fatherly correction to *him*; that the ſenſe of *his* weakneſs may add ſtrength to *his* faith, and ſeriouſneſs to *his* repentance; that if it ſhall be thy good pleaſure to reſtore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the reſidue of *his* life in thy fear, and

and to thy glory: Or elſe give *him* grace ſo to take thy Viſitation, that after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlaſting, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and ever-living, God, Maker of Mankind, who doſt correct thoſe whom thou doſt Love, and chaſtiſe every one whom thou doſt receive; we beſeech thee ſo to have mercy upon *this* thy ſervant viſited with thine hand, as to grant that *he* may take *his* ſickneſs patiently, and recover *his* bodily health (if it be thy gracious will) and whenſoever *his* ſoul ſhall depart from the body, that it may be without ſpot preſented unto thee through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

GRant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt; ſo by continually mortifying our corrupt affections, we may be buried with him, and that through the grave and gate of death, we may paſs to a joyful reſurrection, for his merits who died, and was buried, and roſe again for us, thy Son Chriſt Jeſus our Lord. *Amen.*

O God the King of glory, who haſt exalted thine own Son Jeſus Chriſt with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beſeech thee leave us not comfortleſs; but ſend to us thine Holy Ghoſt to comfort us, and

and exalt us unto the ſame place whither our Saviour Chriſt is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

PRAYERS for the Sick, when there appeareth ſmall hope of recovery.

[*You may uſe here ſome of the foregoing Prayers for the Sick, (ſo far as the condition of the perſon ſhall bear, or require it,) and ſo proceed to the following.*]

O Father of Mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly unto thee for ſuccour in behalf of this thy ſervant, here lying under thy hand in great weakneſs of body. Look graciouſly upon *him*, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, ſtrengthen *him* we beſeech thee, ſo much the more continually with thy grace and holy Spirit in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life paſt, and ſtedfaſt faith in thy Son Jeſus, that *his* ſins may be done away by thy mercy, and *his* pardon ſeal'd in heaven, before *he* go hence and be no more ſeen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impoſſible

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with thee; and that if thou wilt, thou canſt even yet raiſe *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance amongſt us. Yet, for as much as in all appearance the time of *his* departure draweth near, ſo fit and prepare *him*, we beſeech thee, againſt the hour of death, that after *his* departure hence in peace and in thy favour, *his* ſoul may be received into thine everlaſting Kingdom, through the merits and mediation of Jeſus Chriſt thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, with whom do live the ſpirits of juſt men made perfect, after they are delivered form their earthly priſons; We humbly commend the ſoul of this thy ſervant, our dear *brother*, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and moſt merciful Saviour; moſt humbly beſeeching thee, that it may be precious in thy ſight. Waſh it, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was ſlain to take away the ſins of the World; that whatſoever defilements it may have contracted in the midſt of this miſerable and naughty world, through the luſts of the fleſh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be preſented pure and without ſpot before thee. And teach us all to ſee how frail and uncertain our condition is, and ſo to number our days, that we may ſeriouſly apply our hearts unto that holy and heavenly wiſdom,

wiſdom, whilſt we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlaſting, through the merits of Jeſus Chriſt thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Croſs and precious Blood haſt redeemed us, ſave us and help us, we humbly beſeech thee, O Lord.

IN the midſt of life we are in death; of whom may we ſeek for ſuccour but of thee, O Lord, who for our ſins are juſtly diſpleaſed?

Yet O Lord God moſt holy, O Lord moſt mighty, O holy and moſt merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knoweſt Lord the ſecrets of our hearts: Shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but ſpare us, Lord moſt holy, O God moſt mighty, O holy and moſt merciful Saviour, thou moſt worthy Judg, eternal, ſuffer us not at our laſt hour for any pains of death to fall from thee. *Amen.*

O Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who is the reſurrection and the life: in whom whoſoever believeth, ſhall live, though he dye; and whoſoever liveth, and believeth in him, ſhall not dye eternally: We meekly beſeech thee, O Father, to raiſe

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us from the death of ſin, unto the life of righteouſneſs, that when we ſhall depart this life, we may reſt in him, and that at the general reſurrection in the laſt day we may be found acceptable in thy ſight, and receive that bleſſing which thy well beloved Son, ſhall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, ſay, Come ye bleſſed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beſeech thee, O merciful Father, through Jeſus Chriſt our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

OUr Father, which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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PRAYERS for a Sick CHILD.

O Almighty God and Merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death. Look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this child, now lying upon the bed of sickness. Visit *him*, O Lord, with thy salvation; Deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* soul for thy mercies sake: That if it shall be thy good pleasure to prolong *his* daies here on earth, *he* may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation; or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of them that sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy mercies sake, in the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, ever one God. world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty and Immortal God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to thee for succour, the life of them that believe, and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for this child. And as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying

ing, Ask, and ye ſhall have; ſeek, and ye ſhall find; knock, and it ſhall be opened unto you: ſo give now unto us that ask; let us that ſeek, find; open the gate to us that knock, that this child may enjoy the everlaſting *benediction of thy heavenly grace*, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou haſt promiſed by Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

DEfend, O Lord, this thy child with thy heavenly grace, that *he* may continue thine for ever, and daily increaſe in thy holy Spirit more and more, until *he* come unto thine everlaſting kingdom. *Amen.*

OUr Father, which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYERS for those that are troubled in MIND *or* CONSCIENCE.

O Lord, look down from heaven; behold, visit, and relieve *this* thy servant. Look upon him with the eyes of thy mercy; give *him* comfort and sure confidence in thee; defend *him* from the danger of the enemy, and keep *him* in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Blessed Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comforts; We beseech thee look down in pity and compassion upon this thy afflicted servant. Thou writest bitter things against *him*, and makest *him* to possess *his* former iniquities: thy wrath lieth hard upon *him*, and his soul is full of trouble. But O merciful God, who hast written thy holy word for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of thy holy Scriptures might have hope; give *him* a right understanding of *himself*, and of thy threats and promises, that *he* may neither cast away *his* confidence in thee, nor place it any where else but in thee. Give *him* strength against all *his* temptations, and heal all *his* distempers. Break not the buised reed, nor quench the smoaking flax. Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make *him* to hear

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of joy and gladneſs, that the bones which thou haſt broken may rejoyce. Deliver *him* from fear of the enemy, and lift up the light of thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace, through the merits and mediation of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

GRant, we beſeech thee, Merciful Lord, to all thy faithful people (and eſpecially to this thy ſervant) pardon and peace, that they may be cleanſed from all their ſins, and ſerve thee with a quiet mind, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who haſt taught the hearts of thy faithful people, by ſending to them the light of thy holy Spirit; Grant us by the ſame Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort through the merits of Chriſt Jeſus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the ſame Spirit, one God world without end. *Amen.*

WE humbly beſeech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; & for the glory of thy name, turn from us all thoſe evils that we moſt righteouſly have deſerved: and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole truſt and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore ſerve thee in holineſs and pureneſs of living, to thy honour

and glory, through our only Mediator and advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, who art alwaies more ready to hear, than we pray, and art wont to give more that either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

[*That these Prayers may be said more privately in the Closet, both for your self and friend in either of the aforementioned circumstances, besides the directions already given, I need only add, that where you find,* This thy Servant, *you say,* Me thy Servant, *for your self, and for him,* Thy Servant, *with the mention of his name.*]

PRAYERS before you go to Church.

ALmighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh, that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant we beseech thee, that we may

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so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the Ministers and Stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judg the world, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the holy Spirit, ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ dost give to the Ministers of thy Church many excellent gifts, and commandest them earnestly to feed thy flock; Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors, (*especially those whom thou hast set over us*) diligently to preach thy holy word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head Corner-stone; Grant us to be

so joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy Temple acceptable unto thee: And give us grace, that being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

PRAYERS when you are come into the Church.

ALmighty and ever-living God, I humbly beseech thy Majesty, that as thy only begotten Son was once presented in the Temple in substance of our flesh; so I, and every one of us, may now and evermore be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PRAYERS when you are come from Church.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life; Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that obeying his doctrine, and following his steps, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LOrd of all power and might, who art the Author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true Religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LOrd we pray thee, that thy grace may alwaies prevent and follow us; and make us continually to be given to all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit

fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy servants which call upon thee, and grant that we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS ON SACRAMENT-DAYS.

In the Morning, before you go out of your House.

ALmighty God, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us, thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same

ſame to good effect, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghoſt, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty Father, who haſt given thine only Son to dye for our ſins, and to riſe again for our juſtification; Grant us ſo to put away the leaven of malice and wickedneſs, that we may alwaies ſerve thee in pureneſs of living and truth, through the merits of the ſame thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting God, give unto us the increaſe of faith, hope and chari- and that we may obtain that which thou doſt promiſe, make us to love that which thou doſt command, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

PRevent us, O Lord in all our doings with thy moſt gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlaſting life through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty God our heavenly Father, who haſt this day called and invited us to thy holy table, where will be adminiſtered the moſt comfortable Sacrament of the body and blood

blood of Christ, to be received in remembrance of his meritorious crofs and paſſion, whereby alone we obtain remiſſion of our ſins, and are made partakers of the kingdom of heaven. We give thee moſt humble and hearty thanks for that thou haſt given thy Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, not only to dye for us, but alſo to be our ſpiritual food and ſuſtenance in that holy Sacrament. Which being ſo divine and comfortable a thing to them who receive it worthily, and ſo dangerous to them who preſume to receive it unworthily; We moſt humbly beſeech thee to give us thy grace, that we may truly conſider the dignity of that holy myſtery, and the great peril of the unworthy receiving thereof; as alſo that we may ſo ſearch and examin our own conſciences, (and that not lightly, and after the manner of diſſemblers with thee our God, but ſo) that we may come holy and clean to ſuch a heavenly feaſt, in the marriage garment required by thy bleſſed Son in holy Scripture, and be received as worthy partakers of that holy Table. Grant this, O Lord, for the ſake of the ſame thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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In the Church, when you are first preparing for the Sacrament.

I Know, O Lord, that the benefit is great, if with a true penitent heart and lively faith we receive this holy Sacrament, (for then we ſpiritually eat the fleſh of Chriſt, and drink his blood; then we dwell in Chriſt, and Chriſt in us; then we are one with Chriſt, and Chriſt with us:) Grant therefore, good Lord, that I, and every one of us now approaching thereunto, may repent us truly for our ſins paſt, have a lively and ſtedfaſt faith in Chriſt our Saviour, that we may amend our lives, be in perfect charity with all men, and ſo become meet partakers of thoſe holy myſteries. *Amen.*

O Bleſſed Jeſu, who (to the end that we ſhould alwaies remember thy exceeding great love in dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which by thy precious blood-ſhedding thou haſt obtained to us,) didſt inſtitute and ordain ſuch holy myſteries as pledges of thy love, and for a continual remembrance of thy death, to our great and endleſs comfort: To thee, with the Father and the holy Ghoſt, I will continually give (as I am bound) moſt hearty thanks, ſubmitting my ſelf wholly to thy holy will and plea-

pleasure, and studying to serve thee in true holiness and righteousness all the daies of my life. And in this resolution, do thou, O blessed Jesu, strengthen me, I beseech thee, for thy Name sake. *Amen.*

During the Celebration of the Sacrament.

[*The Elements being consecrated, whilst others are receiving, say as many of the following prayers as you can till you come to receive your self.*]

O Merciful God, grant that the old *Adam* may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in me. *Amen.*

Grant that all carnal affections may die in me, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in me. *Amen.*

Grant that I may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen.*

Grant that I, and all those that are now dedicating themselves to thee at thy holy Table, may also be endued with heavenly vertues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, the Father of heaven, have mercy upon us, miſerable ſinners.

O God the Son, redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us, miſerable ſinners.

O God the holy Ghoſt, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us, miſerable ſinners.

O holy, bleſſed, and glorious Trinity, three perſons and one God, have mercy upon us, miſerable ſinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our fore-fathers, neither take thou vengeance of our ſins: Spare us good Lord, ſpare thy people whom thou haſt redeemed with thy moſt pfecious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

From all evil and miſchief, from ſin, from the crafts and aſſaults of the devil, from thy wrath, and from everlaſting damnation, Good Lord deliver us.

From all blindneſs of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocriſie; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableneſs, Good Lord deliver us.

May it pleaſe thee, good Lord, to give us an heart to love and dread thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments.

May it pleaſe thee to give to all thy people increaſe of grace, to hear meekly thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

May it pleaſe thee to bring into the way

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of truth all such as have erred and are deceived.

May it please thee to strengthen such as do stand, and to comfort and help the weak hearted, and to raise up them that fall, and finally to beat down Satan under our feet.

May it please thee to succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to defend and provide for the fatherless children and Widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed.

May it please thee to have mercy upon all men; to forgive all our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts.

May it please thee to give us all true repentance, to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue us with the grace of thy holy spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy word.

Son of God, I beseech thee to heare me.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; Have mercy upon us.

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood, hast redeemed us; save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

ALmighty God, I beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed,

trayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to ſuffer death upon the Croſs, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghoſt, world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting God, by whoſe Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and ſanctified; Receive my ſupplications and prayers which I offer before thee for all eſtates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the ſame in his vocation and Miniſtry, may truly and godly ſerve thee, through our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

O Merciful God, who haſt made all men, and hateſt nothing that thou haſt made, nor wouldeſt the death of a Sinner, but rather that he would be converted and live; Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Hereticks; and take from them all ignorance, hardneſs of heart, and contempt of thy word; and ſo fetch them home, Bleſſed Lord, to thy flock that they may be Saved among the remnant of the true Iſraelites, and be made one fold under one ſhepherd, Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, who ſheweſt to them that be in errour the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way

way of righteousness; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christs Religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Lord, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God, who hast taught the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, who declarest thy Almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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O God, who knoweſt us to be ſet in the midſt of ſo many and great dangers, that by reaſon of the frailty of our nature we cannot alwaies ſtand upright; Grant to us ſuch ſtrength and protection, as may ſupport us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, whoſe bleſſed Son was manifeſted, that he might deſtroy the works of the Devil, and make us the Sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; Grant us, I beſeech thee, that having this hope, we may all purifie our ſelves, even as he is pure; that when he ſhall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O holy Ghoſt, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, who haſt given thine only Son to be unto us both a ſacrifice for ſin, and alſo an enſample of godly life; Give us grace that we may alwaies moſt thankfully receive that his moſtineſtimable benefit, & alſo daily endeavour our ſelves to follow the bleſſed ſteps of his moſt holy life, through the ſame Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

If you have not said over all these prayers when the Minister is ready to tender unto you the Bread, then after receiving it, go on with the rest till he is coming to give you the Cup. If any yet remain unsaid, you may place them as is hereafter directed. But if they shall not hold out till the Cup is at hand, you may supply that interval from some of the Scripture Meditations at the end of This Service.

When the Minister is drawing nigh towards you, say;

OUr Father which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of thy holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnifie thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant

GRant me, I beſeech thee, gracious Lord, ſo to eat the fleſh of thy dear Son Jeſus Chriſt, and to drink his blood, that my ſinful body may be made clean by his body, and my ſoul waſhed through his moſt precious blood, and that I may evermore dwell in him, and he in me. *Amen.*

When he is about to deliver to you the Bread, ſay;

LEt thy body, I beſeech thee, O Lord Jeſu Chriſt, which was given for me, preſerve my body and ſoul unto everlaſting life: and grant that I may take and eat this in remembrance that thou haſt dyed for me, and feed on thee in my heart by faith with thanksgiving. *Amen.*

When he is about to deliver to you the Cup, ſay;

LEt thy Blood, I beſeech thee, O Lord Jeſu Chriſt, which was ſhed for me, preſerve my body and ſoul unto everlaſting life: And grant that I may drink this in remembrance that thy Blood was ſhed for me, and be thankful. *Amen.*

After you have received both, ſay;

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the holy Ghoſt.

As it was *&c.*

IT is very meet, right, and my bounden duty, that I ſhould at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, Everlaſting God: and particularly at this time, and in this place, becauſe thou haſt now vouchſafed to feed me at thy holy Table with the Body and Blood of thy only Son, and my only Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, to my very great comfort, to the ſtrengthening and refreſhing of my ſoul. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, with all the company of heaven, and with thy faithful people here on earth, I laud and magnifie thy glorious Name, evermore praiſing thee, and ſaying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hoſts; Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: glory be to thee, O Lord moſt high. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everliving God, I moſt heartily thank thee for that thou doſt vouchſafe to feed, not me only, but all thoſe likewiſe who do now duly receive theſe holy myſteries, with the ſpiritual food of the moſt precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt; and doſt aſſure us thereby of thy favour and goodneſs towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the myſtical body of thy ſon, which is the bleſſed company of all faithful people; and are alſo heirs through hope of thy everlaſting kingdom, by the merits of the moſt precious death

death and paſſion of thy dear Son. And I moſt humbly beſeech thee, O heavenly Father; ſo to aſſiſt me, and every one of us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowſhip, and do all ſuch good works as thou haſt prepared for us to walk in, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; to whom with thee and the holy Ghoſt be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who haſt knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowſhip, in the myſtical Body of thy Son Chriſt our Lord; Grant us Grace ſo to follow thy bleſſed Saints in all vertuous and godly living; that we may come to thoſe unſpeakable joys which thou haſt prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

O Almighty Lord, and everlaſting God, vouchſafe, I beſeech thee, to direct, ſanctifie, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments, that through thy moſt mighty protection both here and ever, we may be preſerved in body and ſoul, through our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

LOrd of all power and might, who art the Author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name,

increaſe in us true religion, nouriſh us with all goodneſs, and of thy great mercy keep us in the ſame, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord *Amen.*

STrengthen us, I beſeech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghoſt the Comforter, and daily increaſe in us thy manifold gifts of grace; the ſpirit of wiſdom and underſtanding; the ſpirit of counſel and ghoſtly ſtrength; the ſpirit of knowledg and true godlineſs; and fill us, O Lord, with the ſpirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever. *Amen.*

O Lord bleſs and keep us: O Lord make thy face to ſhine upon us: O Lord, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and give us peace both now and evermore. *Amen.*

If any of thoſe fore-mentioned Prayers remain unſaid, place them here; but if none, then till the reſt have communicated, exerciſe your thoughts upon ſuch of theſe Meditations as you have not uſed before.

Pious Meditations and Prayers out of the Pſalms.

Pſal. 16. 1. Preſerve me O God; for in thee have I put my truſt.

Pſ. 17. 5. O hold thou up my goings in thy

thy paths, that my footſteps ſlip not.

Pſ. 19. 12, Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanſe thou me from my ſecret faults.

13, Keep thy ſervant alſo from preſumptuous ſins, leſt they get the dominion over me: ſo ſhall I be undefiled and innocent from the great offence.

Pſ. 51. 1. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodneſs; according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

2, Waſh me throughly from my wickedneſs, and cleanſe me from my ſin.

3, For I acknowledg my faults and my ſin is ever before me.

5, Behold, I was ſhapen in wickedneſs; and in ſin did my mother conceive me.

6, But lo thou requireſt truth in the inward parts, and ſhalt make me to underſtand wiſdom ſecretly,

7, Thou ſhalt purge me with hyſſop, and I ſhall be clean; thou ſhalt waſh me, and I ſhall be whiter then ſnow.

8, Thou ſhalt make me to hear of joy and gladneſs; that the bones which thou haſt broken may rejoice.

Pſ. 103, 1, Praiſe the Lord, O my ſoul; and all that is within me, praiſe his holy name.

2, Praiſe the Lord, O my ſoul, and forget not all his benefits:

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3, Who forgiveth all thy ſin, and healeth all thine infirmities.

4, Who ſaveth thy life from deſtruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindneſs;

5, who ſatisfieth thy mouth with good things, making thee young and luſty as an Eagle.

8, The Lord is full of compaſſion and mercy, long-ſuffering, and of great goodneſs:

9, He will not alwaies be chiding, neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

10, He hath not dealt with us after our ſins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedneſſes.

11, For look how high the heaven is in compariſon of the earth, ſo great is his mercy alſo towards them that fear him.

12, Look how wide alſo the Eaſt is from the Weſt, ſo far hath he put our ſins from us;

13, Yea, like a father pitieth his own children, even ſo is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

14, For he knoweth whereof we are made, he remembereth that we are but duſt.

Pſ. 145. 9, The Lord is loving unto every man, and his mercy is over all his works.

10, All thy works praiſe thee, O Lord, and thy Saints give thanks unto thee.

11, They ſhew the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power.

12, That

12, That thy power, thy glory, & mightiness of thy kingdom may be known unto men.

13, Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

14, The Lord upholdeth all such as fall, and lifteth up all those that be down.

15, The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

16, Thou openest thy hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

17, The Lord is righteous in all his waies, and holy in all his works.

18, The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him; yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

19, He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; He also will hear their cry, and will help them.

20. The Lord preserveth all them that love him; but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

21, My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; and let all flesh give thanks unto thy holy Name for ever and ever.

Ps. 92. 1, It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most High.

2, To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning, and of thy truth in the night-season,

4, For thou Lord hast made me glad through

through thy works, and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

Ps. 111. 1, I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart, secretly among the faithful, and in the Congregation.

2, The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3, His work is worthy to be praised, and had in honour; and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4, The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works, that they ought to be had in remembrance.

5, He hath given meat unto them that fear him; He shall be ever mindful of his Covenant.

7, The works of his hands are verity and judgment; and all his Commandments are true.

8, they stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and equity.

9, He hath sent Redemption unto his people, He hath commanded his Covenant for ever: Holy and Reverend is his Name.

Ps. 118. 19, Open me the gates of righteousness, that I may go into them and give thanks unto the Lord.

20, This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter into it.

21, I will thank thee, for thou haſt heard me; and art become my ſalvation.

22, The ſame ſtone which the builders refuſed, is become the head-ſtone of the corner.

23, This is the Lords doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24, This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25, Help me now, O Lord; O Lord, ſend us now proſperity.

26, Bleſſed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: We have wiſhed you good luck, ye that are of the houſe of our God.

27, God is the Lord, who hath ſhewed us light: bind the ſacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the Altar.

28, Thou art my God, and I will thank thee; thou art my God and I will praiſe thee.

Pſ. 71. 7. O let my mouth be filled with thy praiſe, that I may ſing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

Pſ. 48. 8. We wait for thy loving-kindneſs, O God, in the midſt of thy temple.

Pſ. 84. 1, O how amiable are thy dwellings thou Lord of Hoſts?

4, Bleſſed are they that dwell in thy houſe; they will be alwaies praiſing thee.

10, For one day in thy Courts, is better then a thouſand.

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11, I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, then to dwell in the tents of ungolinesse.

12, For the Lord is a light and defence, the Lord will give grace and worship: and no good thing will he with-hold from them that live a godly life.

Ps. 27. 4, One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require; even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the daies of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

Ps. 65. 4, For blessed is the man whom thou chusest, O Lord, and receivest unto thee, that he may dwell in thy Courts, and be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Ps. 92. 11, Such as be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in Courts of the house of our God.

13, They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age, and be fat and well-liking.

Ps. 36. 8. They shall be satisfied with the plenteousnes of thy house; and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures as out of the rivers.

9, For with thee is the well of life, and in thy light shall we see light.

10, O continue forth thy loving-kindnes unto them that know thee, and thy righteousnes unto them that are true of heart.

Ps. 40. 19, Let all those that seek thee, be joyful

joyful and glad in thee: and let all ſuch as love thy ſalvation, ſay alway, The Lord be praiſed.

Pſ. 7. 9, O let the wickedneſs of the ungodly come to an end; but guide thou the juſt.

Pſ. 125. 4. Do well, O Lord, unto thoſe that be good and true of heart.

Pſ. 119. 17. O do well unto thy ſervant, that I may live, and hear thy word.

18, Open thou mine eyes, that I may ſee the wondrous things of thy law.

19, I am a ſtranger upon earth; O hide not thy commandments from me.

20, My ſoul breaketh out for the very fervent deſire that it hath alway unto thy judgments.

25, My ſoul cleaveth to the duſt, O quicken thou me according to thy word.

26, I have acknowledged my waies, and thou heardeſt me, O teach me thy ſtatutes.

27, Make me to underſtand the way of thy commandments, and ſo ſhall I talk of thy wondrous works.

33, Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy ſtatutes, and I will keep it unto the end.

34, Give me underſtanding, and I ſhall keep it with my whole heart.

25, Make me to go in the path of thy commandments, for therein is my delight.

36, Incline my heart unto thy teſtimonies, and not to coveroufneſs.

37, O

37, O turn away mine eyes, leſt they behold vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

38, O ſtabliſh thy word in thy ſervant, that I may fear thee.

41, Let thy loving mercy come alſo unto me, O Lord; even thy ſalvation according to thy word.

42, So ſhall I make anſwer to my blaſphemers; for my truſt is in thy word.

43, O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in thy judgment:

44, So ſhall I always keep thy law; yea, for ever and ever.

47, And my delight ſhall be in thy commandments which I have loved,

57, Thou are my portion, O Lord; I have promiſed to keep thy law.

58, I made my humble petition in thy preſence, with my whole heart: O be merciful unto me according to thy word.

73, Thy hands have made me and faſhioned me, O give me underſtanding, that I may learn thy commandments:

80, O let my heart be found in thy ſtatutes, that I be not aſhamed.

88, O quicken me after thy loving kindneſs, and ſo ſhall I keep the teſtimonies of thy mouth.

97, Lord, what love have I unto thy law! all the day long is my ſtudy in it.

103, O how ſweet are thy words unto my throat! yea, ſweeter than hony unto my mouth.

104, Through thy commandments I get underſtanding, therefore I hate all wicked waies.

105, Thy word is a lanthorn unto my feet, and a light unto my paths.

106, I have ſworn, and am ſteadfaſtly purpoſed to keep thy righteous judgments.

108, Let the free-will-offerings of my mouth pleaſe the O Lord; and teach me thy judgments.

111, Thy teſtimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever; and why? they are the very joy of my heart.

112, I have applied my heart to fulfil thy ſtatutes alway, even unto the end.

113, I hate them that imagine evil things but thy law do I love.

114. Thou art my defence and ſhield, and my truſt is in thy word.

115, Away from me, ye wicked, I will keep the commandments of my God.

116, O ſtabliſh me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be diſappointed of my hope.

117, Hold thou me up, and I ſhall be ſafe; yea, my delight ſhall ever be in thy ſtatutes.

122, Make thou thy ſervant to delight in that which is good.

124, O deal with thy ſervant according unto

to thy loving mercy, and teach me thy ſtatutes.

125, I am thy ſervant; O grant me underſtanding, that I may know thy ſtatutes.

127, For I love thy commandments above gold and precious ſtones.

128, Therefore hold I ſtraight all thy commandments; and all falſe waies I utterly abhor.

132, O look thou upon me and be merciful unto me, as thou uſeſt to do unto thoſe that love thy Name.

133, Order my ſteps in thy word, and ſo ſhall no wickedneſs have dominion over me.

135, Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy ſervant, and teach me thy ſtatutes;

145, I call with my whole heart, hear me, O Lord; I keep will thy ſtatutes.

146, Yea even upon thee do I call, help me, and I ſhall keep thy teſtimonies.

147, Early in the morning do I cry unto thee; for in thy word in my truſt.

148, Mine eies prevent the night-watches, that I might be occupied in thy words.

149, Hear my voice, O Lord, according to thy loving kindneſs; quicken me according as thou art wont.

156, Great is thy mercy, O Lord, quicken me as thou art wont.

159, Conſider, O Lord, how I love thy commandments; O quicken me according to thy loving kindneſs.

171, So my lips ſhall ſpeak of thy praiſe, when thou haſt taught me thy ſtatutes;

172, Yea, my tongue ſhall ſing of thy word, for all thy commandments are righteous.

Pſ. 71. 13. My mouth ſhall daily ſpeak of thy righteouſneſs and ſalvation, for I know no end thereof.

Pſ. 145. 1, I will magnifie thee, O Lord my King, and I will praiſe thy Name for ever and ever.

2, Every day will I give thanks unto thee, and praiſe thy Name for ever and ever.

21, My Mouth ſhall ſpeak the praiſe of the Lord: and let all fleſh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Table of Sins both of Omiſſion and Commiſſion, with reſpect to God, our Neighbour, and our Selves; very needful to be peruſed with diligence by all thoſe who would fully know, rightly confeſs, and ſincerely repent of the ſame.

Sins of Omiſſion and Commiſſion with reſpect to GOD.

THE FIRST Commandment is violated by ſins of

Omiſſion,

When we do not diligently ſeek after the knowledg of God.

When we have not a conſtant dependance upon God, a ſteadfaſt faith, a lively hope, and a firm truſt in him.

When we do not love him above all things.

When we have not an ardent deſire of his preſence, nor delight in the fruition of him.

When we neglect to praiſe his excellence, to adore his Majeſty, and to be zealous for his Glory.

When

When we are not fearful to offend and provoke him.

When we do not make haſt to repent of thoſe ſins, by which we have offended him.

When we do not endeavour to bring thoſe to repentance, whom by our evil counſel or example we have cauſed to offend him.

When we do not labour to pleaſe him in all things.

When we do not yield a ſincere obedience to all his commands, a patient ſubmiſſion under all his chaſtiſements, and an abſolute reſignation to his whole will.

When we are not truly thankful for all his bleſſings.

Commiſſion,

When we ſerve or worſhip any other as God.

When we ſuffer any thing to rival him, and to ſhare with him in our heart; or when we are guilty of too much ſelf-love.

When we are guilty of wilful ignorance of God, of hypocriſie, irreligion, indevotion lukewarmneſs, and indifference; of Hereſie, Schiſm, Apoſtaſie, Infidelity, and fooliſh doubting; of preſumption, deſpair, and carnal ſecurity; of pride,

disobedience, impatience, and murmuring.

THE SECOND Commandment is violated by sins of

Omission,

When we neglect the worship of God either in publick or private.

When we do not worship him after a due manner, with reverence and godly fear.

When we have not a due regard to all the parts of his worship, as Prayer, the Word, and Sacraments; or come to them without due preparation.

When we do not yeild a due veneration to all places, persons, and things dedicated to God.

Commission,

When we make Idols, or Images, with intent to worship and bow down before them.

When we make pictures and representations of God by visible likeness of any thing.

When we worship Angels, or religiously invoke any Creature.

When we sacrilegiously prophane Gods House and holy things.

When we contemn, abuse, disesteem, or slight Gods Word, Ministers, and Ordinances.

When

When we uſe unlawful, ſuperſtitious, or indecent Rites in Gods worſhip.

When we reſt in meer outward obſervances, forms, and ſhadows of religion; or when we place our Religion only in hearing Sermons without practice.

When we make Religion ſerve to ill ends, either doing good to evil purpoſes, or doing evil under a pretence of good.

THE THIRD Commandment is violated by ſins of

Omiſſion.

When we do not glorifie his holy Name by all the ways we can.

When we do not conſider what vows and promiſes we make to God, and before wee make ſuch reſolve to keep them.

When we forget to keep thoſe which we have already made, eſpecially thoſe at our Baptiſm and the Lord Supper.

When we are not truly ſorrowful and penitent for as many as we have broken.

When we are not conſcienſcious alſo in keeping all lawful oaths and promiſes made to men.

Commiſſion,

When we take Gods holy Name into our mouths upon ſlight and trivial occaſions.

When we either abuſe it our ſelves in impious jeſts, curſes, and imprecations; or can contentedly endure to hear others ſo abuſing it.

When we have irreverent thoughts of his moſt glorious Name and Nature.

When we profane or blaſpheme it, or cauſe others ſo to do by our wicked lives,

When we uſe any cuſtomary and raſh oaths, ſwearing by God or any creature.

When we make any haſty, unlawful, and ſuperſtitious Vows, or ſuch as are impoſible.

THE FOURTH Commandment is violated by ſins of

Omiſſion,

When we do not keep thoſe daies holy, which God and his Church have commanded to be religiouſly obſerved.

When we do not oblige our Families to ſpend theſe daies (the Sabbath-day eſpecially) in the ſervice of God, both at Church and at home.

When we do not ſpend theſe, above other daies, in exerciſes of charity, and in provoking one another to good works.

Commiſſion,

When we profane the Sabbath-day, or indulge our ſelves and our Families in vain

vain ſports and forbidden recreations upon it.

When we Judaize either in our opinion or obſervation of it.

When we purſue our worldly employments, or do any unneceſſary buſineſs upon it.

When we travel unneceſſary journeys, and deny that reſt to our Cattel which God requires.

When we are any way forgetful of God on this day.

Sins

Sins of omission and Commission with respect to our Neighbour and our selves.

THE FIFTH Commandment is violated by sins of

Omission,

In Natural Parents, when they do not love, cherish, and provide for; when they do not rightly educate, instruct, or pray for their Children; when they do not encourage them to good by their examples, and deter them from evil by their corrections.

In Political parents, or Magistrates, when they do not rightly govern and protect their People; when they do not punish evil-doers, and praise them that do well; when they do not see that God be honoured, truth maintained, and justice duly executed throughout their dominions.

In Ecclesiastical Parents, or Pastors; when they do not watch over the souls of the people, nor instruct them in saving knowledg, nor guide them by their good examples; when they do not pray for them, and bless them; when they de not endeavour to keep up amongst them all the holy Ordinances of God, and the wholesom

wholsom Discipline of the Church.

In Oeconomical Parents, or Masters and Mistrisses; when they do not love, and sufficiently provide for their servants; when they are not just to them in their wages, reasonable in their commands, good in their examples, gentle in their reproofs, and merciful in their corrections.

In those that are superiors by Age, when they do not labour to excel in the wisdom, sobriety, gravity, and authority of their words and actions.

In those that are Superiors by Gifts, when they do not instruct the ignorant, and bear with the infirmities of the weak.

In those that are Superiours by Estate, when they do not more largely employ their riches and substance to the help of the poor.

In all Children, Subjects, and Inferiours; when they do not love, honour, and succour their Father and Mother; when they do not honour and obey the King, and all that are put in authority under him; when they do not submit themselves to all their Governors, Teachers, Spiritual Pastors, and Masters; and when they do not order themselves lowly and reverently to all their betters.

Commission,

In Children; when they are undutiful, stubborn,

born, diſobedient, and diſreſpectful to their Parents, or aſhamed of their poverty.

In Subjects; when they rebel, plot, and murmur againſt; when they revile, curſe, or wiſh evil to the King and his Miniſters.

In the People; when they defraud, contemn, ſlight, reject, or forſake their lawful Paſtors.

In Servants; when they diſobey, neglect, and deſpiſe either their Maſters or Miſtreſſes.

In all theſe; when they are falſe, unfaithful, and treacherous; when they are rude, unthankful, and ungrateful to any of their reſpective Relations.

In all Inferiors whatſoever; when they are obſtinate, contentious, arrogant, and diſreſpectful in their behaviour towards any better or ſuperior.

In all Parents, Governors, and Superiors; when they are tyrannical and cruel, rigorous, and ſevere, froward and bitter againſt their reſpective Inferiors.

THE SIXTH Commandment is violated by ſins of

Omiſſion,

When we do not uſe all lawful means to preſerve our own lives, and to ſecure our own

own comfort, peace, and happiness.
When we do not love our neighbour as our selves, or endeavour to procure and promote his health, safety, life, and happiness both temporal and eternal.
When we are not meek, kind, gentle, good, patient, and longsuffering towards one another.
When we are not full of Compassion and Charity, to relieve, comfort and pray for those whose necessities, miseries and dangers, require it.
When we are not inclinable to peace, easy to forgive injuries, and alwaies ready to return good for evil.

Commission,

When we destroy our selves, or needlessly put our lives into danger.
When we engage our selves in Duels, or any unlawful War.
When we injure the body and life of our neighbour, either directly by wounding or murdering him, or indirectly by contriving or employing others to hurt him.
When we do any way contrive the Abortion of Children.
When we arm our selves against our Neighbour with cruelty and violence;
When we pursue him with injuries, threats, and revenge; when we entertain hatred, envy, and malice against him.

When

When we are raſhly, cauſleſly, and immoderately angry with him; when we ſpeak evil againſt him, revile, or curſe him; when we willingly grieve, vex, or diſquiet him.

THE SEVENTH Commandment is violated by ſins of

Omiſſion,

When we do not avoid all inſtruments, incitements, and opportunities of defiling either our ſelves or our neighbour.

When we do not diligently watch and pray, leſt any evil ſpirit enter into us, or temptation overtake us.

When we are not temperate in our meats or drinks.

When we do not labour to mortifie the fleſh by faſting and abſtinence.

In married perſons, when their love is not mutual, conſtant, and inviolate; full of compliance, ſympathy, and forbearance.

Commiſſion,

When we violate and defile, either our Neighbours bed, or our own.

When we pollute our bodies in any kind.

When we are unchaſt with our eyes, tongues,

tongues, hands, or any part of our bodies.

When we provoke and feed our lusts by luxurious diet; by impure company, discourse, songs, books, and pictures; or by lascivious dresses, dances, and plays.

THE EIGHTH Commandment is violated by sins of

Omission,

When we are not strict and conscionable in the means of getting Riches, nor upright and sincere in our dealings with one another.

When we are negligent and make light of paying our debts.

When we are not industrious and diligent in our calling, that we may honestly provide for our selves and Families.

When we are not willing to lend and give to our poor Neighbours according to our ability, nor free to remit to him what he is not able to pay, or at least to forbear till he can.

Commission,

When we steal from our Neighbour, either privately, or by open robbery, violence, and invasion.

When we wrong him by oppression, extortion, griping Usury, or vexatious Lawsuits.

When

When we remove our Neighbours Land-mark, detain the hire of the Labourer, and cheat the Orphan, the Widow, and the Stranger.

When we injuriouſly keep the goods of others, and refuſe to make reſtitution.

When we are unfaithful in our truſts and contracts; or deceitful in our trades, uſing falſe weights, meaſures, and the like.

When we conceale the defects of our own goods or undervalue the goods of our Neighbours.

When we make an advantage upon the ignorance or neceſſity of thoſe with whom we deal.

When we are too ſparing, parſimonious, and covetous.

When we are too laviſh, waſtful, and prodigal.

THE NINTH Commandment is violated by ſins of

Omiſſion,

When we are not tender of our Neighbours good Name and reputation.

When we are not ready to vindicate his good Name upon all occaſions.

When we do not judg the beſt, ſpeak the beſt of him, and conceal or excuſe his infirmities.

When we do not (as much as in us lieth) with-

with-hold our ears from hearing, our hearts from believing, and our tongues from ſpreading evil reports concerning him.

When we are not ready to give our teſtimony to the truth, for the ending of ſtrife between Neighbours, or for recovering to the injured what damage he has ſuſtained.

Commiſſion,

When we bring any falſe accuſation, plea, teſtimony, or ſentence againſt our Neighbour in Courts of Judicature.

When we ſpeak either too much, or too little, and not accoding to truth, righteouſneſs, and judgment.

When we cenſure calumniate, and ſlander our Neighbour.

When we make invidious reflections upon him; and ſcoff at, or expoſe his infirmities.

When we become Whiſperers, Tale-bearers, Back-biters; or entertain and encourage ſuch.

When we raiſe ſuſpicions, jealouſies, and heart-burnings in our Neighbour-hood.

When we diſſemble, flatter, equivocate, and lye unto our Neighbour.

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THE TENTH Commandment is violated by sins of

Omission,

When we do not suppress and resist the first motions of lust, concupiscence, or any unlawful desire of that which is our Neighbours.

When we do not learn to be contented and satisfied with that condition in which God has placed us.

Commission,

When we envy and repine at the wealth, happiness, and prosperity of our neighbour.

When we passionately desire to possess any thing that is his.

When we take pleasure in sin, and complacence in past impurities.

When we do with greediness pursue either the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, or the pride of life, that is, any thing in this world.

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PRAYERS
IN THE
CLOSET:

For the Use of all Devout CHRISTIANS, to be said both

MORNING & NIGHT.

Collected out of the BEST COMPANION by the AUTHOR of the same.

Mat. 7. 7. *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.*
8. *For every one that asketh, recieveth: and he that seeketh, findeth: and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.*
Joh. 16. 23. *Verily, verily, I say unto you; Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my Name, he will give it you.*

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To The READER.

IN the Preface to the Best Companion, *I gave some directions how those Prayers which were principally designed for Publick Use, might also become serviceable to any one in his most secret retirement. And though the directions there given were exemplified after the plainest manner, yet still some, whose capacities are of a lower Size, might not understand them: Others again, concieving it a trouble too great to follow them, might perhaps be altogether discouraged upon this account from the Private use of the Devotions themselves. So much being suggested to me, and a request withall being made that for the sake of these I would draw the substance of the said Prayers into two or three Collects, and make them yet more easily subservient to every ones* Closet-Necessities, *I readily complied and promised my Endeavour. 'Tis impossible indeed that the Wisest heads should ever frame such a form of words as shall answer the Wants and Exi-*

gencies

gencies of every ones private Condition. The utmoſt advance that can be made in this kind of Eſſay, will go no farther than the laying down ſuch Generals as ought to be the Matter of every Chriſtians requeſts to Heaven, and the accomodating their expreſſions ſo that each ſingle Votary may readily apply them to his own particular Concerns. Now both theſe are moſt Eminently Conſpicuous in the devout prayers of our Church: and if they are not equally ſo in the parts of the ſame here brought together in this performance, the Workman only muſt be blamed; for true precious Stones, if artificially cut and rightly placed, can never fail to ſhew themſelves to the greateſt advantage. However if theſe Prayers are truly directed to the ſame end for which they have been compiled, I doubt not but they will bring Glory to God, Honour to the Church whoſe ſound and wholſom words they are, and everlaſting Comfort to every Soul that uſeth them.

Prayers in the Closet both for Morning and Night.

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ Maker of all things, Judge of all men: I acknowledge and bewail my manyfold Sins and wickedness, which I from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath & indignation against me, I have followed too much the devices and desires of mine own heart. I have offended against thy holy Laws. I have left undone those things which I ought to have done*. And I have done those things which I ought not to have done†. And there is no health in me. But thou, O Lord have mercy upon me miserable offender. Spare me, O God, who confess my faults, And grant that I whose Conscience by Sin is accused, by thy [illegible] pardon may be absolved, through Christ [illegible]. O create and make in me a new and con[illegible] heart, that I worthily lamenting my Sins, and acknowledging my wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all Mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; whom of thy tender mercy thou didst give to suffer death upon the [illegible] for our Redemption, and who made there (by that oblation of himself once offered,) a full, perfect, and sufficient [illegible], and satisfaction for the Sins of the [illegible]. Spare me therefore, Good Lord, [illegible] thou hast Redeemed. Enter not into Judg[illegible] thy Servant, who am vile Earth, a miser[illegible]

* Here confess thy particular Sins of Omission.

† Here confess thy particular Sins of Commission.

But so turn thine anger from me, and so make haste to help me in this world, that I may ever live with thee in the world to come. O give me true repentance; forgive me all my Sins, negligences, and ignorances, and endue me with the grace of thy holy Spirit, that I may amend my life according to thy holy Word: Grant me grace to withstand the Temptations of the world, the Flesh, and the Devil; and with a pure heart and mind to follow thee the Only God. Vouchsafe, I beseech thee, to direct, sanctifie, and govern both my heart and body, in the ways of thy Laws, and in the works of thy Commandments, that through thy most mighty protection both now and ever, I may be preserved in body and soul; that I may please thee both in will and deed; that I may both percieve and know what things I ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill them. Graft in my heart the love of thy Name, increase in me true Religion, nourish me with all goodness, and of thy great mercy evermore keep me in the same. O grant that thy grace may always prevent and follow me: and make me continually to be given to all good works; so that in all my works begun, continued, and ended in thee, I may glorifie thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting Life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, I humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldst be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health

unto all Nations. Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Hereticks; and take from them all ignorance, hardneſs of heart, and contempt of thy word; and ſo fetch them home, bleſſed Lord, to thy Flock that they may be ſaved among the remnant of the true Iſraelites, and be made one fold under one Shepheard Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. More eſpecially I pray for the good eſtate of the Catholick Church, that it may be ſo guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profeſs and call themſelves Chriſtians may be led into the way of Truth, and hold the Faith in Unity of Spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteouſneſs of Life. I beſeech thee, O Lord, for this whole Kingdom in general, and particularly for the King and Queen; that thou wouldſt be pleaſed ſo to diſpoſe and govern their hearts that in all their thoughts, words, and works, they may ever ſeek thy honour and glory; and ſtudy ſo to preſerve Us that peace & happineſs, truth and Juſtice, Religion and piety may be eſtabliſhed among us for all generations. So bleſs them, O Lord, and all the Royal Family, with the dew of thy heavenly Spirit, that they ever reſting in thy Goodneſs, protected by thy power, and crown'd with thy gracious and endleſs Favour, may continue before thee in health, peace, joy, and honour, a long and happy life upon Earth, and after death obtain everlaſting life and glory in the Kingdom of Heaven. Be pleaſed to illuminate all Biſhops, Prieſts, and Deacons with true knowledge and underſtanding of thy word; and grant that both by their preaching and living they may ſet it forth, and ſhew it accordingly. [illegible] the Lords of the Council, [illegible] Nobility

Nobility with grace, wisdom, and Understanding. Be pleased to bless and keep the Magistrates, giving them grace to execute Justice, and to maintain truth. Be pleased to bless and keep all thy people, especially my *Relations*, *Benefactors*, and *Friends*: Let thy Fatherly hand, I beseech thee, ever be over them; let thy holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may attain everlasting life. Be pleased to forgive all mine enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts. Lastly, I most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or or any other adversity; to relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this I beg for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, Father of all Mercies, I thine unworthy servant do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy Goodness and Loving-kindness to me, and to all men. I bless thee for our Creation, for my Continual Preservation (*this of this day* [or Night] *in particular*) and all the blessings of this life: But above all for thine inestimable love in the Redemption of the World by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of Glory. Furthermore, I give thee humble thanks that thou hast incorporated me into thy Holy Church, that thou hast vouchsafed to call me to the knowledg of thy Grace, and Faith in thee. Increase this Knoledge, and confirm this Faith in

me evermore. Give me a due ſenſe of all thy Mercies, that my heart may be unfeignedly thankful, and that I may ſhew forth thy praiſe not only with my lips, but in my life, by giving up my ſelf to thy ſervice, and by walking before thee in holineſs and righteouſneſs all my days, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; to whom with thee and the holy Ghoſt be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

OUR Father which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our dayly bread. And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into Temptation; but deliver us from Evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

UNto thy Mercy and protection, O God, I commit my ſelf this Day [*or Night,*] and evermore. O Lord, bleſs and keep me: Lord make thy face ſhine upon me, and be Gracious unto me. Lord, lift up thy Countenance upon me, and give me peace both now and evermore. *Amen.*

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